

legislation that Senator Barrett and his committee offered through the years reflects the worthy purpose of protecting workers injured through no fault of their own, through their period of recovery and rehabilitation. The child support legislation that has been offered by Senator Schmit through the years reflects the worthy government purpose of assuring that the children of divorced parents are adequately cared for. Now what is the noble governmental purpose of LB 144? What is the worthy purpose of LB 144? The proponents of LB 144 are telling us they have a dream, they have a dream of 5,000 slot machines spread up and down the Missouri River, up and down the Platte River along this great state of ours, enticing Nebraskans to gamble away their hard earned earnings and savings. Now I don't think that that is the kind of dream that we want to advance here in the Nebraska Legislature, this dream, this worthy purpose of 5,000 video lottery machines enticing the poor, enticing hard working people to gamble away their earnings on the gossamer thread of winning some big jackpot so others won't have to pay as much in taxes. Now it is not my dream to help Nebraska by putting slot machines, by putting video lottery machines, whatever you call them, in bars and other establishments around the state. I just don't think it is good for the State of Nebraska to be advocating that as public policy. Now Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, whose credentials as a defender of the beleaguered farmer, and whose credentials as a defender of the urban poor are absolutely unimpeachable, said just a few days ago that lotteries are typical of other recent tax proposals that are designed to remove taxes from the wealthy and dump them on to the poor. Senator Harkin pointed out that it discourages people from saving and conserving and carefully planning for the use of their hard earned money, instead it encourages a free lunch theory. Now we have President Reagan, we have Senator Tom Harkin from Iowa who surely span the political spectrum, who surely are greatly respected by members of this body, sending us the same message, it doesn't make sense for states to engage in this kind of practice. Let's discuss, in the remaining time that I have, the workability. That is, I think, another crucial issue. In my view it is simply not going to work. Senator Sieck has some materials which I understand he is going to be handing out about Iowa's current experience. Iowa is not doing nearly as well as had been anticipated. It's reported that they are asking for an infusion now of new funds from the Legislature to help their advertising budget. It is really not going to